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## The World Of Reptiles

Forty minutes of exciting, entertaining and educational programming by one of the nation's leading naturalists.

Enjoyed by all ages and performed in schools, libraries, tourist attractions and other public venues from Florida to Alaska.



With Award Winning Naturalist  
Scott Shupe

### Featuring LIVE Reptiles



Watch volunteers endure the "snake test for bravery" with the harmless and useful Corn Snake.



See why scientists regard this animal as a *lizard*, not a snake!



Discover the close connection between snakes and lizards from one of the western hemisphere's largest lizard species, the Tegu Lizard.



Find out why the Kingsnake is the "King" of American Snakes.



Wonder at the special lifestyle of one of the earth's longest living species, the African Spurred-thigh Tortoise.



Learn from the world's most famous exotic reptile, the Boa Constrictor why scientists regard snakes as "highly specialized" animals.

More information on back.

### Biography of naturalist Scott Shupe

Award winning naturalist Scott Shupe began his professional career in 1971 at the famed Reptile Institute of Silver Springs, Florida. He later worked at Florida's St. Augustine Alligator Farm and then at Reptile Gardens in Rapid City, South Dakota. Since 1978 he has provided wildlife and conservation education programming throughout the United States. His live animal education programs have become an annual event at schools, state parks, U.S. Forest Service and Corps of Engineers facilities, and tourist attractions in several dozen states. He has served as a host and narrator for wildlife oriented television programming, produced and marketed educational videos for life science instruction, and served as the director of a private zoo and nature center in Kentucky. He recently joined the team at the Kentucky Reptile Zoo as Director of Education.

Although his expertise as a naturalist includes a wide array of environmental disciplines, his primary field of interest has always been herpetology. He is the author of two reptile books, *U.S. Guide to Venomous Snakes and Their Mimics*, and the U.S. military manual *Venomous Snakes of the World*. An accomplished wildlife photographer, his photographs and natural history writings have appeared in numerous outdoor and nature publications.

### Awards and Accolades

- \* Environmental Stewardship Award (2007) – Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission
- \* Jesse Stewart Media Award (1996) – Kentucky School Librarians Association
- \* Naturalist of the Year Award (1993) – Kentucky Society of Naturalists
- \* Conservation and Environmental Education Recognition (1988, 1989) – U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- \* Service to Humanity Recognition (2001) – Kentucky Sheriff's Boys Ranch

### Endorsements

*"It was a fantastic show and you did an amazing job of presenting to the different age groups. The program was definitely age appropriate and the vocabulary used challenged the students giving them a great opportunity to learn."* - Lisa Virvilo, Principal - Cottonwood Creek Elementary School, Wasilla, AK.

*"You were the hit of the season - of the whole year! Kids and parents are still talking about the reptiles and reading reptile books. Thanks so much for sparking and delighting us all here in Juneau!"* - Carol Race, Librarian, Juneau Public Library, Juneau, AK.

*"Your program was wonderful and I would highly recommend it to anyone."* - Charlotte Scholl, Battleground Academy, Franklin, TN.

*"Our students loved your presentation. If your back in Alaska next year we'd love to have you again."* - Micheal Johnson, Superintendent, Copper River High School, Glenallen, AK.

*"I was a librarian for 20 years in Colorado, Alabama, West Virginia and a high school teacher for 19 years in a suburb of Houston. Yours was one of the most educational and fascinating programs that I witnessed during nearly forty years of working with the public"* Dwan Garrison, retired teacher and Master Naturalist.

**Don't let your school miss out on this exciting, entertaining, and educational event!**

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